

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as shown below:

Secure printing of print data from a client application residing on a data network to a set top box which has a printer, the said set top box residing on a digital cable network which has a cable head end for interfacing the said digital cable network to the said data network, wherein print data is generated in the said client application after which it is determined whether a secure communication path exists between the said client application and the said set top box. If the secure communication path exists, the print data is transmitted from the said client application to the said set top box. The print data is then sent from the set top box to the printer for printing.